

Athletic Fee Questioned In Assembly

Committee Seeks Student Opinion

Throwing a bomb-shell into an otherwise placid Student Assembly meeting last Tuesday, Jack Carter led a discussion on the justification of the present athletic fees. Carter questioned the equitability of the fees in view of the fact that there were few events brought to the College and that only a certain proportion of the student body attended these events.

As a result of the lively discussion that ensued, a committee was appointed, with Carter as chairman, to determine whether the student body wished to continue paying the present fees, or pay for each event as it is attended.

The balance of the meeting was spent on the limiting of the members of the Publications Committee, a report that fences and paths will be built in the near future, another report that the laundry conditions, because of the unsolved labor problems, will remain the same, and various other reports concerning the welfare of the college.

VICTORY!

In a hotly fought game last night the Indians overcame the Colonials by a score of 53 to 51. Knox led the Tribe in scoring, dropping 18 points.

Brothers Inflict Misery In Touching Ceremony



Hell week hit the campus—among other things—with a bang. A typical fraternity scene with hooks in the background.

Did we say five? No, we said seven, seven full days of medieval torture were in the cards for fraternity pledges last week, and the initiation idiosyncrasies were such as only fiendish brothers spending long hours over modern witches' caldrons could concoct.

The Phi Taus' chain gang entered servitude at the evil hour of ten a week ago Monday, and the first thing gleeful brothers did was to turn them in circles, meanwhile making them gaze at a bright white light—round and round they go, and where they came out, poor pledges didn't know. Ask this same crew about the milk train that does not pass through the hamlet of Williamsburg at 3:00 A. M.; they waited patiently for the same to go rumbling by so as to secure the engineer's X mark.

"Whether they're comin' or they're goin'" is the big issue about the Sigma Pi's-to-be, for with all their clothes on backwards, it's a moot question. Mama may have pinned a rose on these boys, but the big brothers did her one better and pinned big blue hair ribbons in their "curls". However, feminine appearances to the contrary, the pledges proved themselves real ape men when they climbed the trees around the dining hall and sang to noon day audiences.

If William was an S.A.E. pledge—Mary did her homework last week, for "no dates" was the ironclad rule imposed by the fraternity (we wonder how many pledges' girls were copped in those seven days!). Black

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Navy To Place Chaplain's School Here

Negotiations to bring a Navy Chaplains' School of over 260 officers here within the next few months have definitely been concluded, it was announced to the FLAT HAT Sunday by President John E. Pomfret. He stressed the fact that this plan will not interfere with the plans of anyone enrolled in the College.

The Naval Chaplains' School, which is now stationed at the Naval Operating Base in Norfolk, is the only one in the East. "We are particularly fortunate," President Pomfret said, "in obtaining this School." "It does not preclude our getting another training unit," he added.

The Navy will rent Monroe Hall and one floor of Marshall-Wythe

Hall for instructional purposes. They will have the use of the Chapel and Washington 200.

"In the meantime," he said in a special letter to the FLAT HAT, "the College is entering into an arrangement with Camp Peary whereby officers will be quartered in rooms on this campus as they become available." This is only a temporary measure, he added. Most of the men will be from the medical staff of the camp. This arrangement explains the recent moving of men from the first floor of Monroe Hall.

"Any other statement regarding our relations with the Army or Navy," he concluded, "is unfounded."

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♦At The Last Minute

CHOWNING'S REQUEST

At a meeting of the W.S.C. G.A. last night it was announced by Miss Wynne Roberts that students have been requested to refrain from going to Chownings Saturday nights by the Restoration. She indicated that if crowded conditions are not alleviated more drastic steps will probably be taken.

Pomfret Inaugurated 21st President; College Observes 250th Anniversary

Full Value Not Received For Fees Paid, Says Carter

"Students are not receiving the full value of the athletic fees," said Jack Carter, President of the Sophomore Class, in an interview Saturday. Carter is chairman of a committee appointed to study athletic fees at a meeting of the Student Assembly last Tuesday night. (See column 1.)

"We are going to make a thorough study of the matter," Carter said. "It is not a question of money involved; it is a question of paying for what you get and getting what you pay for," he continued.

Although it is evident that a broad discussion of the question is (Continued on Page 4)

NOTICE TO ALL STUDENTS

You are reminded that no changes in courses will be permitted after Saturday, February 13, except when initiated by the faculty or administration.

James Wilkinson Miller, Dean of the Faculty.

Conant Of Harvard Delivers Address; Praises Bryan For "Friendliness"

By LUCILE BURBANK

Dr. John Edwin Pomfret was installed by J. Gordon Bannan, Rector of the Board of Visitors, as twenty-first president of the College, replacing Dr. John Stewart Bryan, former president, and was also presented with the key to the ancient Wren Building during the Charter Day and Inauguration Ceremonies in Phi Beta Kappa Hall, yesterday at 3:00 P. M.

"Now is the time to redefine aspirations of college, for the survival of colleges is inseparable from the survival of the nation," Dr. Pomfret began in the opening of his Inaugural Address. He stated that it was very fitting to combine the

celebration of the two hundred fiftieth anniversary of the granting of the charter for the establishment of the College with the two hundredth anniversary of the most distinguished alumnus, Thomas Jefferson. Quoting this "soundest educator of all," Pomfret urged the training of men and women to "become useful instruments for the public."

Feb. 11 Deadline For Petitions

The Committee on Elections hereby gives notice of a special election to be held on Wednesday, February 17, between the hours of 1:00 and 6:00 P. M. to elect the following student body officers:

- (1.) Two senior representatives to the Men's Honor Council.
- (2.) One man to serve as representative of the Senior Class to the Student Assembly.
- (3.) One woman to serve as representative of the Sophomore Class to the the Student Assembly.

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John Stewart Bryan was invested and robed as Chancellor of the College of William and Mary, following the invocation by the Right Reverend William A. Brown, Bishop of Southern Virginia. Bryan is now the fourth Chancellor of the College, and he was urged to accept this position to help in all

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Darden Opens Marshall-Wythe Seminar; May Meet With Frat-Inquiry Committee

Panel Will Lead Students Prepare Open Discussion To Probe Issue

Governor Darden will speak at the first meeting of the Marshall-Wythe Seminar, to be held in Washington 200 at 4 P. M. Friday, February 12. His topic will be "Post-War Virginia."

An open forum discussion will be held on the points raised by the speech, during the last hour and a half of the meeting. Six of the members will lead in asking questions of Governor Darden, but other members of the Seminar and visitors are urged to participate.

Following is a list of references to be used in connection with Friday's meeting:

W. A. Baughn, "Decentralized Manufacturing in Virginia," The University of Virginia News Letter, February 1, 1943; Vernon M. Herring, "Capital Programming

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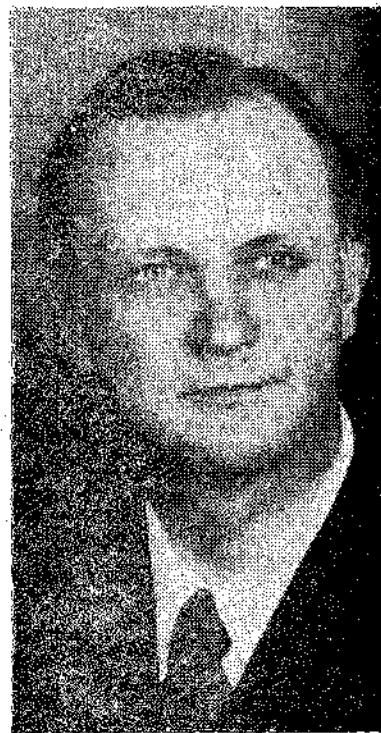
An attempt will be made by the Fraternity-Sorority Investigating Committee to meet with Governor Colgate Darden, following his Marshall-Wythe Seminar speech, Friday, February 12. The purpose of the meeting will be to discuss the fraternity-sorority situation, which he precipitated last Fall.

William Heffner, Albert Stuart, and Doris Miller were appointed by the committee to formulate questions to present to Governor Darden, so as to secure his ideas and views on the subject.

The investigating committee is also trying to schedule a meeting with Mr. Channing Hall, Chairman of the Board of Visitors of the College, in order to discuss the problem with him.

The attempts at scheduling these

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COLGATE W. DARDEN

Student Union Sponsors Religious Emphasis Week; Dr. E. F. Solomon To Be Guest Speaker Of Program

Religious Leaders Head Discussion

"What does Religion mean to You", is the theme for Religious Emphasis Week which will be sponsored by the Student Religious Union of the College from Tuesday morning, February 16, until Friday night, February 19. President John E. Pomfret will officially open the celebration at a convocation in Phi Beta Kappa Hall at 10 o'clock on Tuesday morning, February 16.

Dr. E. Frank Salmon, former Bishop of London, will be the guest speaker for the week. In 1920, Dr. Salmon was made Dean of the Cathedral in Ottawa, Canada, a position which he held for 18 years. He became rector of the Church of the Holy Trinity in Philadelphia in 1938. His Sunday service is broadcast every week and he is in constant demand for various functions. He will present the first of his four talks at the opening convocation and will speak again on Wednesday night at 7 P. M., in the College Chapel; Thursday and Friday nights at 7 P. M. in Phi Beta Kappa Hall.

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday afternoons there will be a discussion and tea in the Dodge Room of Phi Beta Kappa Hall at 4 P. M. which will be open to all students. Tuesday afternoon Dr. Havermale, the Williamsburg Methodist minister, will lead the discussion. Mr. Ward, the local Baptist minister, will head the group on Wednesday afternoon, and Thursday, Rabbi Greenfield of Portsmouth will speak.

The Reverend Frank Walsh of the Williamsburg Catholic Church, will be present for the discussion. Dr. Salmon will be at all teas and discussions and will also be available for private conferences throughout the week.

Students who will take part in this program are: Russ Powers, president of the student religious union on campus; Barbara Ruhl, Joe Wood, Robert Weinberg, and Robert Bookmyer. Karl Perry will lead group singing and John Elsea will play the piano.

Student Broadcast Features Royal Charter History

The weekly broadcast of the William and Mary class in Radio now comes on Wednesday evening at 7:30, instead of the time previously announced, it was learned last week.

This week the program, under the chairmanship of Martha Newell, features a dramatic sketch commemorating Charter Day, which comes on February 8. The skit, written by Barbara Ruhl, portrays the securing of the Royal Charter for this college by James Blair from King William and Queen Mary.

Max Rieg

In the Arcade

Gifts

Which Way Religion?

It is notorious that religion, considered as a popular movement, had been receding considerably before the war began. Its status since the war is nothing if not dubitable.

From the holocaust of youth which is not yet done, it is hardly probable that men will emerge prepared to postpone their hopes to an alleged "world beyond"—unless civilization crumbles. Then, as a barbarian device, religion may again hold power over men's minds.

But, if religion is to enrich the value of man's life—here and now,—it must understand the processes of life—the revolutionary processes underway here and now. It must do more than understand life as a "sore travail" and a "striving after wind." It must do more than regard it as a vestibule to heaven. It must change and it must act—rapidly.

If any such revolution in understanding occurs, it will arise from the laity, the grassroots. And the grassroots are observable at such conferences and discussions as will be held in the Student Religious Emphasis Week current.

It should be interesting to look for growth in understanding in the minds of those who lay claim to faith.

Lonely Seabees See Campus As Muddy Social Fortress

By LARRY GOULD

"Say, buddy, can you tell me where the Lodge is?" or "Where's Chowning's?" These are typical questions that students and citizens in Williamsburg have been called upon to answer during the past week.

Previous to Monday, February 1, Seabees had not been allowed to visit this city, because it was believed that proper facilities were not available here to entertain them. For months now there has been an overflow of civilian workers, and soldiers, and sailors from peninsula training camps and bases.

After much discussion, however, on the part of naval officers and interested people here in town, arrangements were made by which many of these men could come here from Camp Peary each day. Before this, Richmond was the nearest city open to them.

Because of the rain, more than anything else, very few of them have been seen on campus. One evening last week a large group of

them were watching the crowds of students as they streamed out of the dining hall on their way to the postoffice. One of them stopped a man student. "What does a fellow have to do to get a date here?" he inquired. When informed of the usual procedure his only comment was, "Aw hell!"

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W & M Grads Come Through As Fighters

Latest military service news of William and Mary graduates includes an announcement made by Major General Reckord, Commanding General of the Third Service Command, of the promotion of Staff Sergeant Harold T. Turner to the rank of Master Sergeant.

Sergeant Turner, a native of Norfolk, graduated from here with a B.S. degree in 1938, and was inducted into the army early in 1941. He is now a Principal Clerk at the Third Service Command Headquarters in Baltimore.

From San Angelo, Texas, comes a bulletin that Thomas J. Shryock III, who attended William and Mary from 1938 to 1940, won his wings as a Distinguished Bombardier at the same time that he received his commission as a second lieutenant in the Air Corps during the January 28 graduation exercises.

Lieutenant Shyrock was awarded this highest rating given an Air Corps bombardier by showing unusual skill in operating the U. S. Army bombsight during training missions over the target ranges. At William and Mary Lieutenant Shyrock lettered in football, basketball, baseball, tennis, and hockey, and was a member of Theta Delta Chi.

Robert Bruce Metson, captain in the Marine Corps, died December 6 in overseas action. He graduated with a B.A. degree in 1939 and was a member of Pi. K.A. Another Pi K.A., Russell Mills Cox, Jr., an ensign in the U.S.N.R., has been reported missing at sea. Russell was awarded a B.A. degree from here in 1940.

Greek Letters

By EUGENE M. HANOFEE

The new officers of Alpha Mu Chapter of Delta Delta Delta are as follows: Marjorie Ann O. Talle, president; Marion Jean Comery, vice-president; Jean Casterton Bulette, recording secretary; Annie Dobie Peebles, corresponding secretary; Luella Ampt Fitzgerald, first treasurer; Mary Elizabeth Hoen, second treasurer; June Elaine Neff, house president; Gloria Jean Brush, chaplain; Sunshine Byrd Trumbo, social chairman; and Margaret Ellen Horn, rush captain.

Last Saturday afternoon from three to five the Tri Deltas entertained at a reception in honor of their pledges.

Gamma Chapter of Pi Kappa Alpha will hold its initiation on February 15. Among those who will be initiated are Russell H. Quynn, Banks H. Talley, Manuel F. Torregrosa, and John W. Rothert.

Theodore H. Bailey, Jr., is the new president of Nu Chapter of Kappa Sigma. The other officers are: John William Spillane, vice-president; Dudley L. S. Woods, Jr., secretary; Harry Ross Kent, treasurer; and Norman A. Allen, Jr., master of ceremonies.

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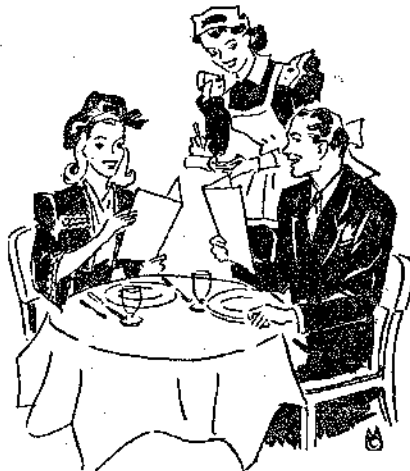
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Indians Take Spiders, Tigers On Court

Tribe Faces Naval Air Station, Va. Tech This Week

Big Green Out To Avenge Early Defeat By Gobblers

Naval Air Station Be Met Wednesday

After tangling with the excellent ball club of George Washington last night, the Indians resume play again tomorrow night as they meet the Naval Air Station of Norfolk. On Saturday night they face the Gobblers of V.P.I. in one of the most crucial games in the Big Six race.

The game with the Air Station is not classed as a State or a Conference game as the Flyers are far above the material found in any single school and their roster is continually changing.

BULLETIN—The Naval Air Station game scheduled for tomorrow night, has been rescheduled for Monday night, Feb. 15, and will be played in Blow Gym.

Meet Tech Saturday

After meeting the Air Station, which must be classed as an exhibition game, the Indians go back into State and Conference competition as they meet the hard-playing five of V.P.I.

In their last meeting, the Techmen ran riot over the Tribe as they defeated them to the tune of 34-49. The game was played at Blacksburg and the Indians were behind all the way. Since then, Vandeweghe, Freeman, and Steckroth have been added to the roster of the Stuessymen and have provided invaluable strength.

Indians After Revenge

Since Co-Captain Al Vandeweghe joined the Indians, they have not lost a game, not including the George Washington game of last night. This may spell bad news for the visiting Gobblers as the scrappy All-Southern guard may be able to hold Crawford, who scored 24 points in the last encounter.

Many Tribe Stars Face Induction In Army E. R. Corps

With rumors going like wild fire about when the various reserves are going to be called, many sports followers are wondering just how the Indians will be hit. On the gridiron, the picture is rather gloomy as almost all of the Big Green are enlisted in some sort of military reserve.

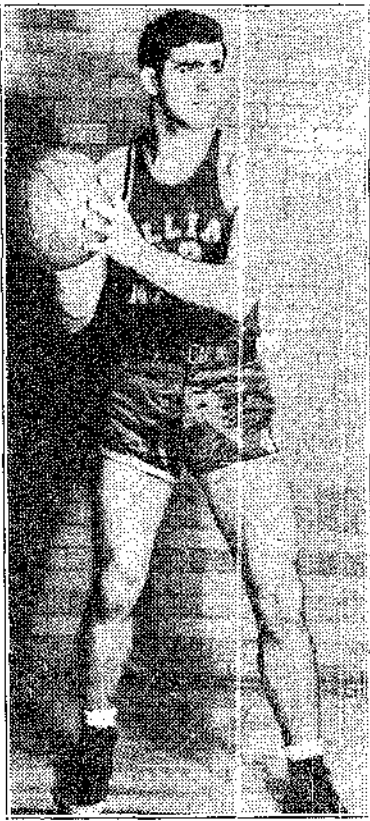
Three Starters Face Call

Announcements have made it certain that the Army Enlisted Reserve will be the first to go and this added to the Army Aviation Cadet loss leaves the football roster with many gaps. Of last year's starters, three are in the A.E.R. The backfield will be hit the hardest as both Dave Butcher and Nick Forkovitch face immediate call. Doc Holloway, veteran guard, is also enlisted in this branch.

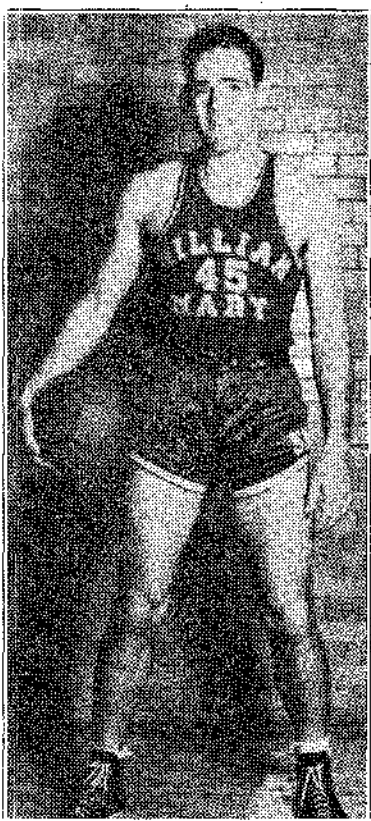
Reserves Hit Hard

The loss of these three starters will be greatly missed but even more discouraging is the possibility of the loss of many reserves. Bill Klein is in the Marines while Buddy Hubbard and Bob Barritt are both Aviation Cadets. These three Sophomore backs have shown great promise during the past season at least one may have been a starter. Co-captain Tex Warrington, an All Stater, is in the Marines and may be lost before the next season rolls around. Other capable reserves of last year facing induction are: Ralph Sazio, Mel Wright, Regis Brown, Andy Blagg, John Grem-scrappy All-Southern guard may be able to hold Crawford, who scored 24 points in the last encounter.

Indian All-Time All-Stars



Glenn Knox and Al Vandeweghe, pictured above, are both All-Southern and are the Indian co-captains for this year. Both have been nominated for Virginia's All Time Big Six basketball team and are receiving much state-wide support. Together they have led the Tribe on a six-game winning streak with their outstanding play.



Green Routs U. R. 40-20; Down H. S. By Score 48 - 38

William and Mary's rapid rising basketball team continued their winning ways last week as they met and conquered the University of Richmond by the score of 40-20 and Hampden-Sydney 48-38. For the Spiders, it was their first defeat on their home court of the season and the worst suffered by the Pittmen in Richmond in many years.

Last Tuesday the Big Green journeyed to the home of the Richmond Spiders and faced a team which had not been beaten on their home court during the present season. The Indians also faced the possibility of being dropped out of the state race by a team which they had defeated earlier in the year. After getting off to a slow start in which both teams played loose ball, the Indian attack never started to function and as a result they led at half time.

Tribe Holds Spiders

The second half of the Spider game proved to be an entirely different story as the Tribe began to function and their lead grew steadily. Knox continued his great shooting as he racked up nine more points to boost his total to 19. Bob Smidl, flashy Indian Sophomore, came through in this second half to get seven points, and to help double the score. The best thing shown by the Stuessymen was their defense which held the Spiders to two field goals and two free throws in the second period for a total of six points.

Too Tough for Tigers

On Friday night the Indians extended their winning streak to six consecutive games as they defeated the Tigers of Hampden-Sydney for the second time this year by 48-38. The Death Valley boys were smarting from the 57-23 rout handed them by the Tribe on their home court and came out to avenge the defeat and played good ball but were no match for the high scoring Big Green. It was William and Mary's ball game all the way as they racked up a nice 27-14 lead at the half. During the second half the reserves saw a great deal of action and the play was about even as the Tigers held even.

Fraternity Cagers Start Loop; Kappa Sigma, Phi Tau Lead

Frosh Take Lead In Spring Gridiron Indoor Workouts

Spring football practice swung into its second week this afternoon as indoor workouts were resumed following a two day letup. After preliminary calisthenics, the squad was divided up according to position for separate drills.

Saturday's session marked the return of Bob Longacre, number one tailback on the '42 varsity and co-captain of the 1943 eleven, and Bill Saffo, sophomore tackle, both of whom worked out for the first time.

Other newcomers included freshman gridders, entering W. & M. this February. Among them are two all-stars from Staunton, M.A., Jim McDowell, tackle from Charleston, W. V., and blocking back Bill Barker from Wheeling, W. Va. Others are Ben Raymond, All-Metropolitan tailback from Brooklyn, N. Y., Buddy Staff, back, from Port Chester, N. Y., who was named second string All-Metropolitan; Bill Cregar, all New Jersey guard from Irvington, and George Sheehan from Johnstown, Pa.

All students are asked to send in a ballot supporting Knox and Vandeweghe for positions on the All Time Big Six basketball team. Ballots are found in the Richmond Times Dispatch and should be addressed to the Sports Department of that paper. Express your school spirit by voting TODAY!

In the fraternity intramural basketball race, the Phi Kappa Taus and the Kappa Sigmas are each undefeated, having won two games each while the S. A. E.'s have won only one game each, to remain in the undefeated column. The Phi Alpha and the Monro quintets have not played a game as yet.

S.A.E., Phi Tau Win

The Sigma Alpha Epsilon team opened the race last Monday by trouncing the Pi Lambda Phi's 53 to 12 with Hollis being high scorer with 12 points. On the same day the Sigma Pi's were upset by the Phi Tau's to the tune of 33 to 16. Morasco and Banks paced the victors. With Plitt scoring 14 points, the Pi Kappa Alpha's by the score of 29-14.

Johnson Gets 22

The next game saw the Kappa Sigma's batter out a 26 to 24 victory over the Lambda Chi's. Jester and Gaudin of the winners and Taylor of the losers each hit the hoops for ten points. A powerful Sigma Rho team crushed the Theta Delta's with the score ending 55-21. Johnson and Morency paced their victorious teammates with 22 and 13 points, respectively.

Kappa Sigma Takes Two

With Lewis's unerring mid-court, the Kappa Sig's rolled over the Kappa Alpha's for their second consecutive win. Plitt again paced the losers but it was to no avail as the final score was Kappa Sigma 22 and the Kappa Alpha five 15. Last Saturday the Phi Tau's continued their winning ways by downing a fighting Pi Kappa Alpha team while the Lambda Chi's edged out the Theta Delta Chi's 22-21, with Jester leading the attack.

RICHMOND GAME

Player	FG	FT	TP
Smidl	3	1	7
King	2	0	4
Ward	0	0	0
Knox	8	3	19
Hooker	2	3	7
Vandeweghe	1	0	2
Steckroth	0	1	1
TOTALS	16	8	40

HAMPDEN-SYDNEY GAME

Player	FG	FT	TP
Smidl	7	0	14
Brenner	0	0	0
King	3	0	6
Ward	2	1	5
Knox	8	4	20
Hooker	0	0	0
Steckroth	0	0	0
Vandeweghe	1	1	3
Griffin	0	0	0
Freeman	0	0	0
Macon	0	0	0
TOTALS	21	6	48

POWWOW with WALLY

Well, it looks like the William and Mary basketball team has at last begun to assume the scoring punch it has figured to have all season and it has been due mainly to the sharp shooting of All State and All Southern Glenn Knox. The big star has in the last three games scored 14, 19, and 20 points to boost his season's total. The season may be too far gone for Mutt to catch the left-handed Virginia ace, Dick Wiltshire, as the Cavaliers have played many more games but Knox's average per game will compare favorably with any in the state. This great improvement in the all around athlete's game is a great help in defending his nomination for the recent All Time Big Six team contest which is now being conducted. Knox has been a standout for the past three years; he is a superb shot, a good ball handler, and an excellent man on the backboards. We feel in all sincerity that he deserves a place on this all time all star team.

Another Indian whom we are nominating for this mythical team is All-Southern Al Vandeweghe. By some twist of the fates, Vandy failed to make last year's All-State team but there was no doubt as to his ability when the Southern Conference coaches voted him into the All-Conference lineup. Vandeweghe did not play varsity ball his Sophomore year but last year he was a consistent star and reached his peak in the Tournament at Raleigh. Noted as a great play maker and ball handler, Al's shooting is often overlooked but it was in the Tourney of last year that the stellar guard's accuracy came through, as for the first time he loosened up from football.

Both Knox and Vandeweghe, two names connected with good basketball, have the ability, the record, and are deserving to make this mythical team. All they need is the support of William and Mary fans, and every student should feel it his duty to cast a ballot for these two all time greats.

Page One Continuations

Brothers Give Hell

bow ties and a constant mumbo-jumbo which consisted of all the members' middle names were the distinguishing features about these boys. They also learned to play dive bomber with eggs—raw eggs.

Pi Lams had great sport Thursday night brushing up on their tennis with the aid of a few pledges and paddles. Two goats obligingly formed a net, and the unlucky third was swatted back and forth, sometimes gently, sometimes with a hot ace shot—and accompanying groan.

The Theta Deltas are running their initiation on a strictly utilitarian basis; pledges are required to work off 300 points by doing any and all odd jobs, from making beds (no pie beds allowed!) to typing letters.

Kappa Sigs are likewise putting their goats to work and having spring housecleaning a little early this year. Over the week-end the pledges may have acquired bigger muscles working, but they also lost the use of their vocal chords, for it was silence week-end, and any violation was punishable by a healthy swat with the Kappa Sig's giant paddle, used alike for beating rugs and pledges.

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Darden - Seminar

meetings were an outgrowth of a discussion of recent reports on the University of Virginia Fraternity situation, at the committee meeting last Thursday.

This plan of questioning various people has been in operation at the University of Virginia, since the start of the U. Va. investigation.

According to Albert Stuart, chairman of the committee, inquiry has been made to the National Interfraternity Council to find out what fraternities throughout the country are doing in the absence of members who have entered the service.

Darden - Fraternities

for the Aftermath of the Defense Effort," The University of Virginia News Letter, December 1, 1941; "Planning for Defense— and After," The Commonwealth, December, 1942; "Selected Articles on the Hampton Roads Area," The Commonwealth, December, 1942; Virginia State Planning Board, Population Influx in the Hampton Roads Area; Stuart Chase, Goals for America; N. R. Whitney, Consideration in Post-War Planning; H. G. Moulton and K. T. Schlotterbeck, Collapse or Boom at the End of the War; H. Motherwell, "Hunger, Hatred, Post-War Europe," Harper's, December, 1942; F. C. Hanighen, "The Shape of Things in Britain," Harper's, December, 1942; and Alvin H. Hansen and Guy Greer, "Toward Full Use of Our Resources," Fortune, November, 1942.

Pomfret Installed

college affairs.

President James Bryant Conant of Harvard University delivered an address on the occasion of the Quarter-Millennium of the College

praising Bryan's work as former president, stating that "his well-known friendliness warmed the chilly hearts in New England."

William and Mary and Harvard are united in facing the menace of a totalitarian world, he continued, and "although the black clouds are now rolling back, we can breathe and prophesy more easily, for liberty to triumph once again. From the deeds of today, we can look forward with hope to the academic years of tomorrow."

Oliver C. Carmichael, Chancellor of Vanderbilt University, also delivered an address in the convocation exercises. He discussed the form of education for the future, saying education was for the mass and leaders of the citizens to carry on the work in the future, and that the educational institutions must do far more to bring about peace relations with other countries, especially of South America, and to maintain peace of the Pacific.

Carter Challenges

imminent, the attitude of the Administration has not yet been determined. Questioned as to what procedure the committee would follow, Carter said that he would rather not commit himself at the present time.

It is expected in some quarters, however, that a poll of student opinion will be taken on the matter.

Petitions Feb. 11

(4.) One man to serve as representative of the Freshman Class to the Student Assembly.

Students are urged to examine carefully Article V, Section 1, of the By-Laws of the Student Assembly (pages 41-43 of the current Indian Handbook) governing the election of class and student body officers.

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A Personal Opinion

lecting the members of the Men's Honor Council.

An example of the fruit that such a circumstance may bear was provided upon the day of election, April 22, 1942. The Men's Honor Council, composed entirely, I believe, of members of the Fraternity Party, was given the function, together with the help of the Woman's Honor Council, of enforcing election rules. Rule 6 states, "The Ballots may be counted only by members of the men's and women's Honor Councils." Scotty Cunningham, not a member of the Honor Council but a member of the Fraternity Party, assisted in counting

the ballots for the election in which he was the candidate for the Presidency of the Student body. Rule 8 states, "No electioneering will be permitted at the polls." Electioneering was carried on to the mouth of the ballot box, if not further, against the protest of the girls but not of the boys. In the election seventeen offices were won by the Fraternity Party, one was tied, and one was lost. In the original counting for the single office lost, which was done by the boys, a Fraternity Party man won; but a recounting by the girls reversed the decision. Some offices were counted entirely by the boys and all the results burned before the girls even arrived. Finally, in accordance with rule 7, all of everything was burned at the end of the counting; and no tallied summaries of the votes cast were issued. Only the names of the winners were announced.

It was indeed a dark day, and I can see no reason why similar dark days should not arise in the future.

Franco's Blackmail

we shall never accept the Cardillo's presence at the peace table— that we shall support any democratic revolution in Spain. Franco knows that the Axis can not win; he must also know that although we accept his rule for the time being, we shall no longer stomach him as soon as we gather sufficient strength.

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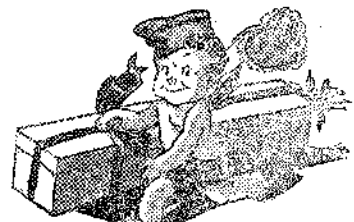
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Dr. Woodbridge urges all men students majoring in Mathematics, Physics, or Chemistry, and all pre-medical, pre-dental, and pre-veterinary students who are not already in one of the Reserve Programs, and are subject to Selective Service, to register with the Military Advisor, so that they may be assigned to such duties as may best promote the war effort in school or in the field.

Library Has Anniversary Book Display

Historic Documents Give College History

To commemorate the two hundred and fiftieth anniversary of the College, the library has selected from its collection various historic documents dealing with the early history of the College.

These have been minutely labeled by Mr. John Jennings of the Library staff and have been placed on display in the exhibition case in the library vestibule. Mr. Jennings has aptly called the display "The Early Years."

Strange old letters and many books of the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries have also been placed on display.

Chief among the documents are two copies of the original charter, one in Latin and one in English. The latter was discovered some years ago in the Harvard Library, whereupon it was presented to William and Mary. There is also on display a parchment copy of the original warrant of 1694 with the handsome colored armorial ensigns of the college—William and Mary being the only college in the United States to receive such a grant of a coat of arms.

"I know of no easier way to become acquainted with the history of this College than by carefully examining this collection," says Dr. E. G. Swem, College Librarian.

Another Rumor? F.H.C. Board Debunks Them

By MAC KAEMMERLE

"Hey, pfssst, did you hear that . . ."—another rumor. But the Flat Hat Club, senior men's honorary social organization, has answered the call to why-doesn't-somebody-do-something-about-all-these-rumors by establishing a Rumor Board.

The chief function of the Rumor Board will be to collect all rumors, take them to the proper authority, such as President Pomfret or the Deans of the College, get the truth and then post the truth on the new bulletin board outside the library. The ruth of these rumors will also appear in the following issue of the FLAT HAT.

Monday—All set for a great workout—great day. The sun is out, world alive, "gaiety, song, and dance, and here we go gathering nuts in May." Then I woke up. The tangled hair of early morning still on my delicate brow, I heard a horrible crash and click. It was my clock which stared me in the face and dared me to lie there any longer. My dream, what of my dream? For a moment I ventured to open my eyes and greet the day open-faced, but it was no use — Monday is definitely the day of little sky and optimism. It sags in the middle.

Tuesday—fff jji fur fur jug jug ffr j21 p-***; typing in the beginners' group is doing this to me. Yesterday I found myself chanting jug jug jug as I went down the street and three people turned around to find the bottle. And twice when I said "fur" last night, the Happy Bunk got up and put another blanket on me, which seems like a rather reasonable thing to do somehow.

Wednesday—The Other Bunk came home today with one bad ankle and a bruised nose. It seems she and spring had a rendezvous; that is, they did until she fell. She had been running, actually running, along one of the brick walls in Williamsburg, proving to herself that fear would have nothing to do with high spirits. We have covered her with iodine and she looks less like spring than February 3rd.

Thursday—Today it rained in its usual dismal way and I noticed the Happy Bunk had wet feet — not that she minds wet feet. It wouldn't have been so bad if she hadn't already had the grippe and sold her rubber boots for 25 cents to a girl who already had three pairs. Because she was so thoughtless, the Other Bunk and I made it worse by presenting her with an article called "What Place Has Rubber in the Rain Today?"

Friday—The Happy Bunk has pulled another new boner. She calls it glammer, but we call it "The Wrong Shade for She". Her lips now glow the most divine violet color, which looks good on an orchid and on 3c stamps, but really does something weird to the Happy Bunk's smiling poos.

Saturday — "Gaiety, song, and dance, and here we go gathering nuts in May."

Sunday — Heaven Can Wait.

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As far as it is possible, the Rumor Board is going to try to trace rumors to see where they originate. So just to see what the F. H. C. Society is going to have to do, I decided I'd do a little rumor sleuthing on my own.

My first case was a hot one. I happened to walk, the other night, into a freshman's room where a little hive were buzzing about, What WERE they going to wear to the Midwinters Formal Saturday night (that being LAST Saturday night)? I picked up the trail. "Who told you that?" I demanded. So I scooted around and traced the story down through five people. I came to number six. "Who told you that?" I again demanded. Innocently, she looked at me. "Why, it says so right here in the FLAT HAT", she answered. Grimly, I turned to a new rumor to hunt down.

That evening I ran into my old friend, McCasky. McCasky, it seems, had heard that orders for the army reserve were in the mail right at that very minute — that was a week ago. But he had heard this story from Rafey and, well, I've heard about Rafey.

The other rumor I worked on was the one that said that the Navy had moved into Monroe. The truth is that the first floor of Monroe was cleared so that when or if the Navy did decide to occupy it, things would be easier. That's all. And the other rumor I heard—I'll let the Rumor Board check it.

Twenty Faithful Attend No Meeting Of Spanish Club

"The meeting for tonight was announced in this week's FLAT HAT, wasn't it?"

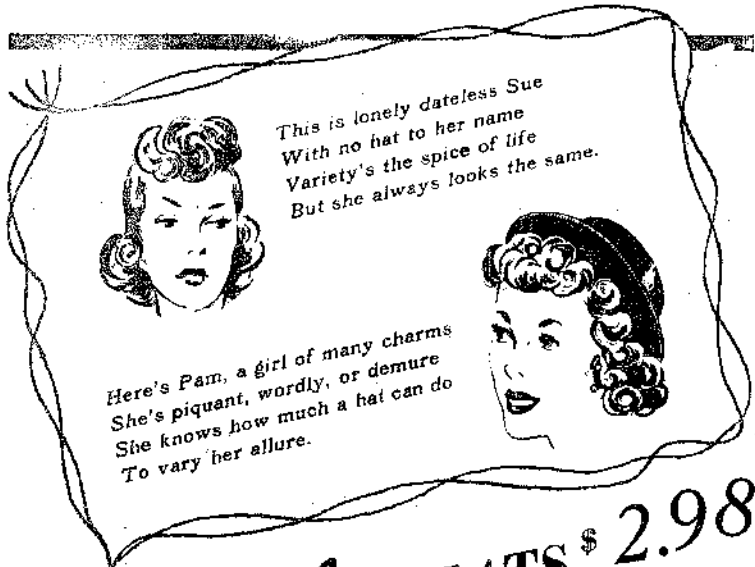
Thus questioned approximately 20 Spanish Club members assembled in Barrett living room last Wednesday waiting for the meeting to start with no president or faculty advisors in sight.

Having read the notice in the FLAT HAT that the Spanish Club would meet February 8, at 7:30, in Barrett, the faithful 20 took the meeting for granted. Yet, by 8:00 neither the President, Alex MacArthur, nor any of the professors of Spanish had arrived.

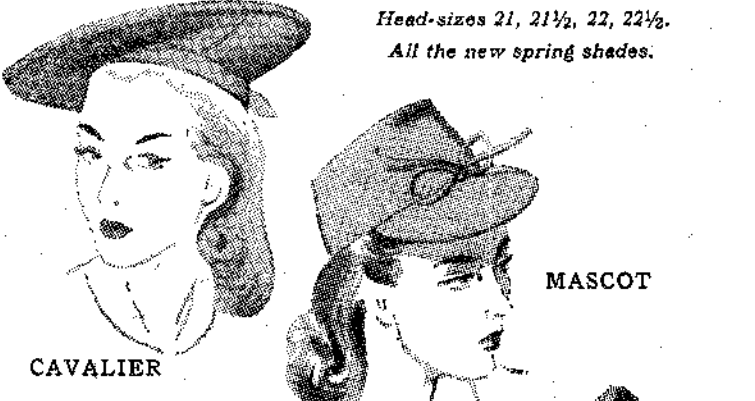
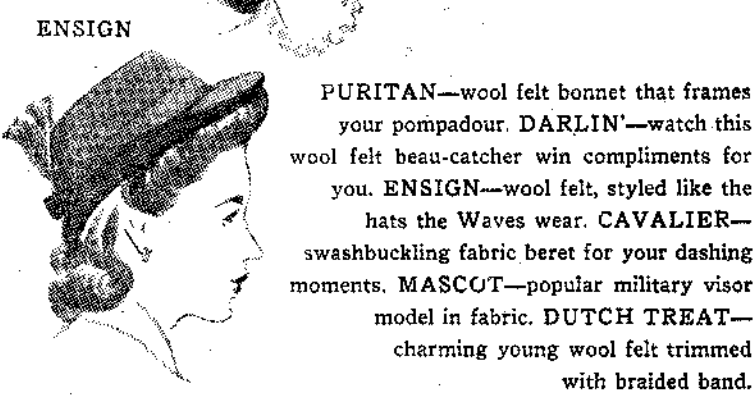
Several began placidly to knit, others gossipped and talked together, two read letters to each other, while others grew bored and impatient.

Finally Treasurer Audrey Hudgins called upon Marjorie Hill to play several selections on the piano, as she had planned to do on the program for the next club meeting.

Following this, the "no meeting" adjourned, and the students filed out to await a specific announcement.



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By KATIE RUTHERFORD

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- Fraternity pins,
- Diamond pins
- Clothes pins,
- Rolling pins.

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Women Students Replace Nurses In The Infirmary

By JEANNE KRAUSE

(This is the first in a series of articles the purpose of which will be to describe the efforts of students who are giving their time and energy outside of school affairs in an attempt to "do their share" in the war effort.)

For almost a year, growing demands for trained nurses by the war have left many a town devoid of adequate hospital aid and help. Williamsburg has been no exception—in fact, Williamsburg seems almost destitute of nurses. Immediate relief for this situation was necessary.

The College infirmary, although retaining four nurses, found that this was still inadequate aid for the tasks and duties at hand. The problem was finally solved by aid in the form of student help.

Before Thanksgiving, Miss Martha Barksdale gathered together a group of ten girls who had received certificates in the Home Nursing course offered last year. These girls have been giving two hours of their time weekly to help out in various forms of work at the infirmary. Each girl was assigned to certain hours of the day, beginning at ten in the morning and lasting until six at night. It has been found that their services have helped greatly to alleviate the difficult situation which had existed before.

Miss Morecock, the head nurse, arranged a chart of general tasks for each girl to carry out depending upon her hours and the time of day she worked. The duties designated ranged from taking temperatures, making beds, giving water, and serving meals, to making swabs, cleaning and dusting, running errands, and filling hot water bottles.

Marilyn Miller, B. J. Jones, Charlotte Timmerman, Virginia Knerr, Nancy Carnegie, Eleanor Yates, Elizabeth Brown, Dorothy Kissam, Doris Freer, and Betty Evans are the girls who have been rendering these services for the past few months.

Dr. Fowler Discusses Post-War Peace Plans

"Lack of faith in collective security by France and England was in a large part responsible for the failure of disarmament after the last World War," said Dr. Harold Fowler of the History Department, in a talk given Sunday afternoon at Bruton Parish House. Dr. Fowler was speaking before the Sunday Afternoon Forum, which is held there each week.

"Militarism is the basic cause of war," he said. He then traced the history of the disarmament conferences held after World War I, and discussed the main points of their failure.

In closing, he gave what he believed to be a practical outline for world disarmament and peace after the conclusion of the present conflict. An international government, employing force of an international character is the main feature of this outline.

Men In Monroe Hall Lose House Mother

The boys in Monroe Hall have lost their housemother. Miss Lillian Maben has resigned and returned to her home in Blackstone. Miss Maben had recently been called home by the death of her father.

Miss Maben had been housemother at Monroe for a number of years and her absence there will be heavily felt. There is no connection between Miss Maben leaving Monroe and the Navy taking its first floor for some of its officers.

Kappa Sigma Reception, House, 3-6 P. M.
B.S.U. Sunday School, Church, 10-11 A. M.
Westminster Fellowship, Presbyterian Church, 6-8 P. M.
B.S.U. Fellowship, Town Homes, 7-8 P. M.
Wesley Foundation, Methodist Church, 9-10 P. M.

Monday, Feb. 15—
Phi Mu Initiation, Wren, 7:30-10 P. M.
Kappa Omicron Phi, Sewing Lab, 5-6 P. M.
Mortar Board, Mortar B. Room, 5-6 P. M.
Alpha Chi Omega Initiation, Parish House, 7-8 P. M.
Student Relig. Union Banquet Lodge, 7:30 P. M.
Delta Kappa Gamma, Dodge, 7:30 P. M.

Tuesday, Feb. 16—
Religious Emphasis, Dodge, 4-6 P. M.
Lambda Phi Sigma, Music Building, 8:30 P. M.
Theta Chi Delta Meeting, Rogers 312, 7-8 P. M.
Flat Hat Meeting, Flat Hat office, 7:00 P. M.
Colonial Echo Meeting, Echo office, 7:30 P. M.
Mr. Tyler Hall, Phi Beta Kappa Hall, 8 P. M.
Basketball Games, Richmond, Norfolk
Alpha Chi Omega Banquet, Lodge, 6 P. M.
Religious Emphasis Convocation, Phi Beta Kappa Hall, 10 A. M.

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CLUB NOTES

Lambda Phi Sigma

Lambda Phi Sigma, honorary music society, takes pleasure in announcing the initiation of Barbara Ruhl and Marjorie A. Talle on Tuesday, February 2nd.

Monogram Club

Something new and different has been added to the activities of the Monogram Club in the way of entertaining soldiers from nearby camps.

Every Saturday night a member of the club acts as hostess to from ten to sixty service men. She is aided by twelve William and Mary coeds, chosen by her, who spend their time playing games, singing, and square dancing at the Methodist Church from seven to ten-thirty. The plan was suggested by Miss Barksdale as one way of providing recreation for service men.

At the club's last meeting on Thursday in the Red Cross Room of Phi Beta Kappa, Jeanne Menckham, Dudley Woods, Wilcox Hub-

place of Nancy Hale who resigned. After the business meeting, the members went to work rolling bandages, and by the end of an hour had two hundred and twenty-five to their credit.

Foreign Travel Club

The Foreign Travel Club Council met on February 4 to plan future programs and to fix the dues of the club for the coming semester at twenty-five cents. All new members are cordially invited to attend the March meeting when refreshments will be served.

New officers of the Varsity Club are: president, John Grembowitz; vice-president, Dreury Holloway; secretary-treasurer, Dudley Woods; sergeant-at-arms, Dave Bucher. New initiates are: Horace Knox, Ralph Sazio, Herbert Poplinger, Robert Stechroth, Owen Bradford, William Klein, Philip Thomas, William Clarke, Westcott Cunningham, Jeanne Menckham, Dudley Woods, Wilcox Hub-

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Phi Beta Kappa Scene of Reception



Members of the college faculty attended a reception given by the Pan-Hellenic Council and the Fraternity Association on Wednesday night, February 3, in the Apollo Room of Phi Beta Kappa Hall.

The five representatives of each sorority and fraternity entertained the guests.

Recorded music added to the en-

tertainment of the evening and refreshments were served.

The receiving line included Marguerite Wynne-Roberts, Director of Social Activities; Jean Parquette, new advisor of Pan-Hellenic Council on the departure of Miss Massei; Milton Greenblatt, president of the Fraternity Association, and Claire Bardwell, president of Pan-Hellenic Council. Co-chairmen for the event were Jayne Taylor and Nat Coleman.

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Popularly Speaking

By MARTHA HILL NEWELL

Everybody is going around singing "As Time Goes By" now. It all goes to show how the movies can exhume with great success an old tune. If we hadn't heard it in the movie "Casablanca" it might still be forgotten. Anyway, Mrs. Schmidt said that the record shop had not received any recording as yet.

And by the way, please turn in your old records to the shop. Without old discs, they cannot order new ones. So if there are any ancient ones at your dorm, sorority or fraternity house, turn 'em in and you'll be paid for the trouble.

This week I investigated two albums which looked good. Both were made by Columbia. One was Sammy Kaye; the other, Frankie Carle.

The first one I listened to in the Sammy Kaye album is called "Farming" and it's the unusual type like "Der Fuehrer's Face". This record is complete with barnyard effects. Mr. Kaye tries to sell you a farm by saying to own one is fashionable these days, and that "farming is charming." Cute, huh?

The next one is the ageless "Minnie the Moocher" done in "good ole Basin Street time." The rendition is somewhat like Cab Callaway's hi-de-ho stuff.

The way Mr. Kaye sings "Eileen" is soft and melodious. A nice change from the boisterous "Minnie."

"The Babbitt and the Bromide" shows how versatile this Broadway star really is. The lyrics are done

in English accent. "Anatole of Paris" concerns a French designer of women's hats. "He's just like wine, he goes to your head". And "Dinah", that swell oldie is given a "Roosian" rendition. This is a grand album with variety and pep.

The Frankie Carle album is titled "Encore" and contains some of this famous popular pianist's best styles in music. A rhythm background accompanies the piano.

"Hindustan" is so fast and solid that you hardly have time to hear the record because you're trying to understand how Frankie can pound those keys so rapidly.

On the reverse side of "Hindustan", Frankie plays to the nth degree two of his hit tunes, "A Lover's Lullaby" and "Sunrise Serenade."

Then Rachmaninoff's "Prelude in C Minor" is completely renovated. This record might not please Rachmaninoff very highly, but I think it'll please you if you aren't too frugal with your classics.

The little pamphlet that goes with the album told that at the age of nine, Frankie Carle was playing the piano in a dance band three nights a week. From then on his career is one succession of steps toward fame. He is now the featured pianist with Horace Heidt and he really does those "Musical Knights" proud.

Three other elegantly handled numbers from this album are "Twelfth Street Rag," "Stumbling," and "Barcarole."

The reason I cannot write about more "Hit Parade" tunes is that supply and demand makes it almost impossible for the record

Co-Eds Cause Uproar; Movie Stars Differ

Fellow Actors Pick Two Queens

The Colonial Echo's beauty contest, unknown to the editors of the Echo, produced unexpected complications in Hollywood when Fred MacMurray and Joel McCrea could not agree on the choice of the campus beauty queen.

Members of the FLAT HAT noted the following story in the New York Times' feature section last week: "Students of William and Mary College sent photos of 15 co-eds to Fred MacMurray, requesting that he select the prettiest to be their Campus Queen. MacMurray, a conscientious soul, gave the matter his best attention, and finally made a selection. Just then Joel McCrea entered the MacMurray dressing room, saw the outspread photos and demanded to know what was up. Fred explained—and made the mistake of asking Joel's opinion. McCrea selected a different girl—and the argument started. After a verbal battle that lasted an hour, a truce was declared. Both girls got prizes—and both are probably satisfied. MacMurray's choice may be official campus queen, but McCrea's received a personal letter from Joel, assuring her that she's much the prettier of the two.

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What Becomes The Monarch?

The history of the doctrine of sovereignty has been a long and varied one, full of embarrassing moments for those with sceptered might.

In France it was Rousseau who uttered the heresy of the social contract, challenging His Majesty's alleged God-given right of sovereignty, claiming that men had the right to be happy savages by agreement.

Since then, though embarrassed—the story goes—throned monarchs have learned. And it came to pass in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and forty-three in the little town of Williamsburg in Virginia that the King was in agreement with happy savages.

The burghers of the community lay thwarted and repressed by his court of athletic prowess, grumbling mumbo-jumbo in their beards.

"Let them eat glory," the King had said. The King had spoken.

But on a day in February—the first Tuesday, to be exact—the burghers met, as was their wont, in solemn session. Suddenly from their midst sprang a knight, clad all in shining armour. "Enough," he cried. "This glory, sirs—methinks it stinks. Let us see."

Here the story becomes vague, unsettled.

Will the King speak? Will the knight retire, armour tarnished, head bowed? Will the burghers desert their spokesman? And what of the happy savages?

Long live the King!

Franco's Blackmail

By ALEXANDER ROSOWSKY

It is at least curious that after over three years of "official" war, the country where the conflict really started should still remain neutral. Maybe the word neutral needs some qualification: for Spain considers herself "non-belligerent" rather than neutral—at least, that was the way they expressed their position not so long ago. One wonders why Francisco Franco—known as the "Caudillo" ever since his German and Italian fellow-fascists installed him as ruler of Spain—one wonders why he has not taken a clear stand against us; and one also wonders what kind of policy the Allies intend to pursue with regard to the country where the democracies lost their first battle.

There can be only two motives for Spain's continued neutrality: either the country is still so poor and exhausted from its recent catastrophe that it could not possibly enter another war, or else the Caudillo was a bit more alert than the Duce and had no faith in a German blitz victory. But the real point is that whatever his motives at this time—most probably they are a combination of both—Franco is not our friend.

It is hardly necessary here to enumerate the bonds that tie Franco to Hitler and Mussolini. He rules because they won for him the battle against the people of Spain. Franco is Caudillo because of the German Messerschmidt planes, because of the Italian legions, because of the constant flow of Axis ammunitions and materials. He won because the Republic received no help from the outside world—except some from the Soviet Union—and because, however magnificent its spirit, a people cannot indefinitely resist when it lacks food and supplies, and is near to physical collapse. Franco owes his victory to our enemies.

Franco is a clever man. He knows that an equivocal position is a good bargaining position. Therefore—although he has sent his men to the Russian front—he has obtained all kinds of shipments from the Allies for remaining "neutral". A regular trade between the Spanish government and the Belgian

government in exile consists in exchanging Belgians kept prisoners in Spain against cotton bales from the Belgian Congo. In other words, Franco's Spain lives on blackmail: either the United Nations help Franco to keep his power by letting him have what he needs—and it is true that he manages with pretty little, not caring much about the way his people live—or, well, or else. The Allies cannot afford to risk a siege of Gibraltar, or an attack through Spanish Morocco. And so, Francisco Franco the Caudillo is treated with due respect and honor while his concentration camps are overflowing and his people remain miserable as ever, in hunger and filth.

Our policy toward Spain is to prevent their joining the Axis in active warfare. This, however, can only be a temporary policy. One may argue that even at the risk of local military defeats the United Nations should never bargain with Hitler's henchmen, and stick to their principles of fighting fascism wherever it is met: principles when tempered with may all too soon lose their meaning. This writer is inclined to agree with this view, but it will not be pressed further at this point. On the other hand, it may be argued that appeasing Spain is a "military expediency". Very well, we shall thus continue to play with Franco while he is in a position to hurt us if he wants to. But there are a few things that we have to keep in mind:

This is the people's war. It is being fought against dictatorship and fascism, for economic, social, and educational progress. One of our most sacred duties is to liberate the first victims of Axis barbarity: the people of Spain. If we fail to do that, we shall miss one of our principal war aims and compromise the very nature of the struggle. Therefore, granted, for the sake of argument, that Spain's neutrality is temporarily advantageous, we should make this abundantly clear:

That we intend to help the Spanish people to regain their freedom as soon as we possibly can—that

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In Our Time

By ELI DIAMOND

(Ed. Note: We present to our readers one of last year's columnists, here on a short visit prior to entering the U. S. Army.)

Years of reluctant experience have conditioned this citizen to accept the idea that the members of the war generation of 1917 were, in general, never prepared to meet the realities of life. This, as one is constantly reminded, has had a not inconsiderable influence upon the lives of young men and young women who have been getting out of college since 1930. Those of us who fall into the above group as well as you of the contemporary college population must never forget that the generation which preceded us chose to so warp their view of the world that they could comfortably afford to wall themselves up inside a little green garden surrounded by a great redwood hedge.

Here in this garden the scene of perfume weighted the air, the rustlings of white and pink muslin dresses, the lilt of feminine voices, and the gurgle of good scotch were its constant setting, and talk centered upon the disputed topics of the family dog, daughter, and/or, the family son. The great winds of hunger, of pestilence, and of unnatural death were seemingly unable to penetrate this small isle of Arcady, and strife might only be occasioned by a polite game of croquet. A polite game, mind you, in which the object was to go through the wickets, not to thump your opponent's ball to the nethermost reaches of creation.

What has been drawn here is, of course, the general picture of the middle class, and it has literally taken the aeroplane to surmount the redwood barrier and blast this green dream into a surrealist nightmare. Thus far this powerful shock therapy has been felt to the fullness of its jarring effect in France and in England, but in the United States, most powerful of the middle class nations, although the treetops are shaking, the hedge still holds out the world.

This past year Pearl Harbor and Bataan have caused the American home to be disrupted whether middle class or not. Sons and brothers are either in the armed forces already or are about to enter the ranks; while the rest of the family is being forced to confine more and more of its energies to the war effort. However, in spite of the fact that psychologic and physical difficulties are already pressing and will become more so; and in spite of the depression and continual global unrest which we have been privileged to live through, at length culminating in this war for survival, the basically neurotic approach of the average American to the condition of society has in no wise been changed.

The tendency is still to regard such benighted misanthropes as Carl Muecke, Bob Marshall, Jack Bellis, and Alex Rosowsky, as raking up much which nice people at first pretend does not exist and finally, after years of trying, convincing themselves that because the American standard of living is the world's highest there are no sharecroppers and ill-paid workers.

Those of you who are left in college must once and for all come to grips with the problem of equity in society now, today! For if you do not, then in another twenty-five years or so you will see your own sons march off and the entire energies of your families once more be turned toward piecing together the torn shreds of a twisted peace. Then, whether you are officially connected with education or not, you will be confronted by the bankruptcy of your own lives, forced to admit that the knowledge and taste accumulated during a lifetime is in the end valueless—only the manifestation of a life lived to fill each immediate moment with an immediate, thoughtless pleasure.

Lost and found columns of Tokyo newspapers are crowded these days. Every time an American buys a War Bond, the Japs lose face. Buy your 10% every pay day.

A Personal Opinion

By BRADFORD DUNHAM

"The College of William and Mary has no priority which it cherishes more warmly and more justly than the Honor System . . . Upon matriculation, each student shall sign a statement to the effect that he understands what is expected of him under the Honor System and that infraction of the Honor Code at any time during his student days is punishable by dishonorable dismissal from College. . . . Infractions include cheating, stealing, lying, and failure to report an offense . . . All scholastic work is under the Honor Code . . . The essential basis of the Honor System is that all honor is indivisible and as such calls for the same treatment; but the penalty may be modified when in the opinion of the Council conclusive reasons for so doing exist. . . ."

Three years at the College of William and Mary have proved quite sufficient to make me somewhat dubious of the Honor System. If the definition of honor which must be inferred from the above statement is accepted and if the Honor Code is actually intended to be as universal in application as the statement implies, the most superficial examination of life at William and Mary past and present will at once reveal that the System is a failure. If, however, the statement is not intended to mean what it says, but something different, the Honor System is then without true basis; and any penalty which it imposes must be unjust.

Investigation reveals that in actual practice the Honor System at William and Mary is applied to only a part of scholastic activity rather than to the whole. It has been my experience that the majority of students taking either Freshman Chemistry or Freshman Physics cheat in their laboratory work. This practice is so prevalent that the students cease to regard it as contrary to the Honor Code and make little or no effort to conceal it from one another. The attitude of a Chemistry laboratory instructor of last year is of interest. Catching a boy manipulating his compilations so as to insure a better result, he threatened to report him to the Honor Council if he did so again. Only recently, Dr. Charles T. Harrison, Professor of English, when confronted with the fact that one of his students had had his themes written by another person after he had instructed the class to write their themes without assistance, simply said, "A violation of the literary code does not constitute a violation of the Honor Code." The Honor Code states: "Giving aid to any student or receiving aid from any student, without the consent of the professor, in tests, assignments, or examinations is cheating. The faculty will cooperate in explaining whether or not aid may be given or obtained on a particular assignment."

This failure of the System in practice leads to the question whether or not such a code is at all compatible with human nature and with life as we live it. In the eighteenth century a gentleman

might without losing his honor ruin the lives of as many mistresses as he liked, but, if he was caught cheating while gambling with his fellows, he himself was ruined. Unfortunately or fortunately, we are no longer in the eighteenth century. It would appear to me that the Honor System is. I do not mean that honor is dead or should be; I merely mean that the notion of perfection in honor as a necessary constituent of proper human behavior is ridiculous and in contradiction with modern psychology. Show me a single human being at William and Mary—excepting myself, of course—who has never committed a dishonorable act and I shall promptly give up the ghost. It is no minor penalty to declare a man unfit for college because of dishonesty and to dismiss him dishonorably. As long as he lives, he will bear a stigma which will hinder his each and every endeavor. Show me an intelligent system of religion which would consider incorporating into its paraphernalia a sin for which there was no absolution. Unfortunately, human beings will be human beings.

Some modification, therefore, appears necessary. But it is difficult to modify the Honor System and retain it. I consider the statement that the essential basis of the Honor System is that all honor is indivisible and as such calls for the same treatment logically inconsistent with the statement which immediately follows that the penalty may be modified when in the opinion of the Council conclusive reasons for doing so exist. The former makes indivisible honor the basis for decision; the latter, something else.

Next it may be questioned whether or not failure to report infractions of the Honor Code is in itself dishonorable when the student was, for practical purposes, forced to agree to report. It would appear that it is not. Therefore, the Honor System is inconsistent in that it not only penalizes the student for being dishonorable but also for not adhering to rules which it sets up arbitrarily and forces him to agree to. It is at once based in honor and not in honor.

Finally, it may be questioned whether or not it is possible to set up adequate machinery for administering the Honor System. It is difficult to criticize either the efficiency or the honesty of the two honor councils when most of their work is carried on behind closed doors. The office of member of the Men's Honor Council is a political office and as such is subject to the discrepancies of politics. The present personnel of the Men's Honor Council is composed one hundred per cent of the men selected by the political dictators of the campus last year, the leaders of the strong Fraternity Party. A. Vick Swanson, head of the Fraternity Party, wrote in the FLAT HAT, April 22, 1942: "The nominations are made in a meeting in which all the fraternities are equally represented and the voting is all open." It is indeed a source of pleasure to me to know that the fraternities were all equally represented in se-

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Thus Spake the Scribe....

"We are the first college in the United States in our antecedents," said the scribe.

"What are you now?" asked the youth.

"We were the first American college to receive our charter from the crown," the scribe replied.

"What good does that do you now?" asked the youth.

"We were the first college in the United States to have a full faculty," came the response.

"And is it first now?" asked the youth.

"We were the first college to establish an inter-collegiate fraternity, the Phi Beta Kappa," replied the scribe.

"What honors may you confer now?" asked the youth.

"We were the first college to have the elective system of study," he said.

"What benefit, then, does this system have?" asked the youth.

"We were the first to have the Honor System," the scribe continued.

"And does it work?" asked the youth.

"We were the first college to have a school of Modern History, in 1893," said the scribe.

"How much do you contribute to modern history?" asked the youth.

The scribe fell to musing.

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